

THE PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT.

A NET INCREASE SHOWN FOR APRIL.

THE GOLD RESERVE NEARLY BACK TO THE \$100,000,000 MARK.

Washington, May 1 (Special).—The monthly public debt statement issued from the Treasury Department to-day shows a net increase in the debt last month of \$3,737,360, and the smallest cash balance and gold reserve in the Treasury for many years. The reduction in cash and consequent increase in the debt during April is mainly due to heavy interest payments, which during the month were more than \$5,000,000. There was a decrease of non-interest bearing debt during the month amounting to \$421,000; a trifling increase in the bonded indebtedness, and a decrease of \$4,147,224 in the net cash balance. The net cash balance to-day stands at \$24,471,574 and the gold reserve at \$87,091,130. The gold reserve increased about \$5,000,000 during the last few days, and if all that has been offered and accepted by the department within a day or two had been covered in the Treasurer's statement put out to-day it would probably swell the gold reserve to \$100,000,000, or about \$7,000,000 less than it was a month ago.

Silver assets aggregate \$481,788,601, against which there are silver certificates and silver Treasury note liabilities amounting to \$450,486,829, leaving a silver balance of \$31,291,682; an increase of \$6,000,000 during the last month. Up to date there have been issued \$139,090,778 in silver Treasury notes, and of these \$128,779,103 are in circulation.

The National debt to-day, less the net cash balance in the Treasury, is \$840,924,861, of which amount \$835,623,660 is interest bearing debt, mainly 4 per cent bonds.

Government receipts last month in round numbers amounted to \$28,500,000 or \$250,000 more than in April, 1892. Customs receipts were \$15,419,637 and internal revenue receipts, \$11,799,367. Expenditures during the month aggregated \$33,771,365, or \$2,500,000 more than in April, 1892.

For the ten months of the current fiscal year, or up to May 1, receipts from all sources aggregated \$824,580,393, or \$20,000,000 more than during the corresponding months of the preceding fiscal year. On the other hand expenditures during the last ten months were \$823,377,552, or \$32,500,000 more than during the corresponding months of the preceding fiscal year. Twenty-four millions of this increase alone is due to large pension payments, which for the last ten months aggregate \$133,788,345.

The receipts and expenditures in detail during the last ten months of the current fiscal year compared with the corresponding months of the preceding year are shown by the following table:

Ten months,	Current year.	Precious year.
Customs.....	\$173,263,175	\$163,014,476
Internal revenue.....	132,204,558	129,446,388
Net bank deposit fund.....	10,000	10,000
Miscellaneous.....	16,033,311	17,720,321
Totals.....	\$324,580,393	\$305,623,660
EXPENDITURES.		
Civil and miscellaneous.....	\$84,924,861	\$80,923,780
War.....	34,036,558	38,036,558
Naval.....	23,811,945	23,811,945
Indians.....	9,774,111	9,774,111
Pensions.....	9,209,455	10,935,520
Navy Fund.....	133,678,845	133,678,845
Post Office Bank Reception.....	7,884,954	14,191,814
Int. & C. Tax.....	23,619,220	19,016,000
Totals.....	\$382,377,552	\$29,652,567

MORE SUCCESSFUL ARMOR TESTS.

THE FIRST DOMESTIC-MADE ROLLED PLATES TO BE FIRED AT—THE RESULT SATISFACTORY.

Washington, May 1 (Special).—Another highly successful test of naval armor occurred at the Indian Head proving ground to-day. It was conducted under the personal supervision of Capt. Sampson, Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance. A number of other naval ordnance experts witnessed the experiments. To-day's test was unusually interesting and important owing to the fact that the plate tried was the first domestic-made rolled plate with curved surfaces which had been tested in this country. Plates heretofore tested have either been without curvature or have been forged, not rolled, into special shapes.

The plate subjected to tests to-day was manufactured by the Carnegie Steel Company. It was eight inches thick, and represented a group of about 250 tons of nickel-steel armor intended for the turrets of the New-York and Monterey and the barbettes of the Olympia. The plate was fired at for both acceptance and premium tests, the first under the terms of the department's earlier contracts and the latter under the new regulations which give to manufacturers extra compensation of \$30 for increased ballistic properties. One Carpenter and two Holtzer armor piercing projectiles were discharged against the plate from a six-inch rifle, the velocities of the shots being 1,754, 1,500 and 1,078 feet seconds respectively. The plate passed the acceptance, but failed on the premium test. The first shot penetrated the plate slightly and rebounded; the second entered and stuck in the plate, while the third went through the plate and backing. None of the shots cracked the plate, made by the projected method, the results of the opinion of experts upon the results of tests clearly prove that rolled armor, which has been beat in the process of manufacture, is equal in ballistic resistance to forged plates after they are similarly heat, and that the operation of bending does not tend to the deterioration of armor plates.

TO RECEIVE THE BESSEMER MEDAL.

Bethlehem, Penn., May 1 (Special).—John Fritz, the chief engineer of the Bethlehem Iron Company, has received a cable dispatch from London announcing that the Iron and Steel Institute of Great Britain has awarded to him the Bessemer gold medal. These medals are given by Sir Henry Bessemer, of England, the inventor of the Bessemer steel process, every year for distinguished services to the iron and steel trade.

A JEALOUS HUSBAND APPEALS TO DR. SENNER.

In the fair land of Poland there once lived Rosalia Zawacka and her husband. In quest of new fortunes and premium tests, the first under the terms of the department's earlier contracts and the latter under the new regulations which give to manufacturers extra compensation of \$30 for increased ballistic properties. One Carpenter and two Holtzer armor

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THE MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS—FOREIGN PORTS.

Steamer Nasmyth (Br.), sailed from New-York April 16, arrived at Liverpool April 20, from New-York April 18, arrived at Bristol April 20.

Steamer Elbe (Eng.), steamship, arrived at New-York April 16, from Liverpool April 18, arrived at New-York April 19, from New-York April 20.

Steamer Goliath (Eng.), arrived at New-York April 16, from Liverpool April 18, arrived at New-York April 19, from New-York April 20.

Steamer Saxon (Eng.), arrived at New-York April 16, from Liverpool April 18, arrived at New-York April 19, from New-York April 20.

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